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dendritic cells

(dĕn-drit'ik sĕlz)

Highly specialized cells discovered at Rockefeller that are found in the blood, skin, mucus and lymph tissues and initiate immune response. Used in immune therapies for cancer, as well as HIV and other infectious diseases.

A scanning electron micrograph showing a cluster of dendritic cells. The cells exhibit a highly textured, bumpy surface and some have long, thin, branching processes extending from them, characteristic of their role in the immune system.

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